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REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the details remarks. Claims 1, 4, and 6 have been amended. New claims 8-12 are presented. Accordingly, claims 1-12 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 4, and 6 were rejected under §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended claims 4 and 6 to resolve the insufficient antecedent basis. Applicant has also amended claims 1, 4, and 6 with respect to the term "tube." Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that rejection be withdrawn.

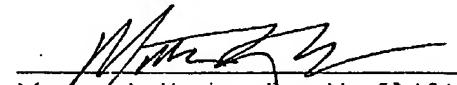
Claims 1-7 were rejected under §102(b) as being anticipated by Kargula and also by Malone. Independent claims 1 and 6 each recite that the claimed collet retainer includes "an expansion gap at one circumferential location and a groove at another circumferential location." Respectfully, neither the Kargula reference nor the Malone reference appears to disclose a collet retainer having a groove at a circumferential location in combination with an expansion gap. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections over Kargula and Malone be withdrawn.

New claims 7-13 are presented and include additional features that Applicant believes are neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited references. As mentioned above, the Kargula and Malone references do not appear to include a groove and would therefore not include the 180° location of claim 8, the U-shape of claim 9, or that the groove extends partially radially into the collet retainer as in claim 10. Claims 11 and 12 recite "a leg on said collet retainer that extends axially inwardly" and that the collet retainer includes "a ramped surface that is transversely angled relative to the leg." Claim 13 recites that the ramped surface "is angled 45° relative to the central axis of the collet retainer," and new claim 14 recites that "said leg is located between said channel and said ramped surface." Respectfully, the cited references also do not appear to include the claimed structure of claims 11-14.

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Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Old, PC for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

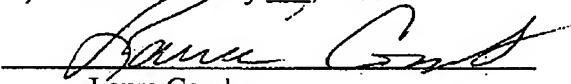
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